

## DEATH PROPHECY WRITTEN BY GIRL

Volumes Left by Ruth Randall  
Disclose Sad Philosophy  
Similar to Diary.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Four volumes found at the Lucca Inn and introduced in evidence as the property of Ruth Randall reveal marginal notations and penciled inscriptions on the fly leaves that appear to be in the handwriting of Ruth.

One of the books is a small, cheap red-bound edition of the Holy Bible, bearing the stamp of the "Navy Y. M. C. A." There is a French grammar and an English translation of "Jacques Damour," by Emile Zola. A badly scarred volume of "Le Pays de France," by Antoine Muscarelli, contains the most significant notes.

The insides of both covers of this book are covered with an almost illegible scrawl. The notations perhaps relate in part to the contents of the volume, but they express the morbid sentiment that permeates her diary. They illustrate further how the mind of this weird Sappho was obsessed with sinister subjects.

"In a victim of praxeos," the notation on the front page begins, evidently referring to some character in the novel, "the disease which makes murderers and other criminals. A victim of it cannot differentiate between right and wrong."

"The passing of a wife's affections for her husband to some other man is in itself sufficient annulment of the marriage vows. No-called respectable and good moral women ignore the loss of a husband's love to keep their reputation and live a life of ease. This is false virtue—for they really live a life of shame."

"These moralistic deductions are oft repeated in her remarkable diary. 'Your lips will never touch hers, but my dead lips will be first.'"

"Miss B., dying, cursed as she swayed poison and died in the hope that her last bitter words would wreck the happiness of the lover she hoped to marry. At least in his answer to her dying letter he says, 'I led her on, I admit. I can love no other woman and I shall always wait for her.'"

Can a prophetic significance be attached to her concluding note, "Only the spirit of death will extinguish in my heart the love that has tortured me."

## "Love Me or Kill Me Outright, Cliff," Cried Author of Soul Diary

ELEVENTH CHAPTER OF  
RUTH RANDALL'S  
SOUL DIARY

DECEMBER 31.—New Year Eve is spent alone always, it seems. Last year I was far away from my Cliff. He is out North now. He left this a. m. at 10:30. He is making deals on the side. Had a dandy new coat and hat. Met him at 5 at Joe's. Emil, whom we had not seen for several months was there. Good little Emil. Cliff left me to have dinner with Emil. He has been very good. Gave me a fine Swiss watch tonight. Last year I was weeping madly, and now I feel somewhat contented.

JANUARY 3, 1920.—Merrick, my Cliff, Spick and I in a party at Veev's last night. Cliff drunk. Yesterday, Cliff didn't get home from Milwaukee until 11 p. m. He is not tending to business as he should. Has dandy new accounts.

JANUARY 8.—Fuss last night. Very unpleasant. It is so hard to live with Cliff. Cliff came home at 7:30 last night with two bottles of claret and he had some drinks. He is drinking again and, as usual, is cross. Still was here Tuesday night and all day yesterday for dinner.

SORE ABOUT HIS SHOES.  
JANUARY 10.—Cliff is sore about my \$10 shoes.

JANUARY 11.—Sunday, 9:30 p. m. Cliff and I left home together at 12:30, he to meet father and I to meet Vito, boy of thirteen, whom I met last Thursday in a picture show. Took him to see Aunt Lillie, who was most unpleasant about him. Cliff O. K. now.

JANUARY 14.—Did not see my Cliff yesterday. He was coming Milwaukee at 4. I'm a mighty lonely kitten, but I stand it. Have not gone mad or torn my hair for a month. It is a decision I have come to that is keeping me from such madness—that Cliff is the last man in my life. I will never know another—never. I told Cliff just that. He thinks I'm only talking.

"NO TEAR, SIGH, ANGER."  
Cliff just phoned. He did not stay in Milwaukee all night and he is not coming home to me tonight. Oh, is it any wonder I nearly go mad? How long? How long? When he just cooly lets me so like this I just think of everything—everything wicked.

JANUARY 15.—1 P. M. Cliff just phoned and is not coming home tonight either. He is going to Bushnell to bowl.

Have a care, Clifford, mon cher ami!  
There is a limit to human endurance. I have almost reached it. I am mad, mad. I have held myself in for so long! Not a tear, not a sigh, not a spark of anger. Only quick despair and madness. I can feel myself slipping. My mind is going. It is a blank except for the tormenting thoughts I have. If only I could forget. Complete oblivion would be a blessing.

JANUARY 17.—Well, I didn't. I had a sleepless night. Watched Clifford and tried to, but somehow I just couldn't. He went to sleep on the lounge. He never kissed me. I sat awake all night, except for two hours.

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## SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS INSTALMENTS OF DIARY

Ruth Randall started her love diary on December 1, 1911, a diary and a half after her marriage to Norman Brown Randall.

In the very beginning the bride wrote of Norm's failure to shower on her the kisses for which she hungered.

He was twenty-one and she was twenty. Her mind became morbid because of her associations and she began to long for death. After four years of unhappiness she left her husband.

Following her separation from her husband, she fell in love with Cliff, a friend of her husband's, and he too became enamored and wanted to marry her. But soon he grew apathetic. Ruth longed for the "comfortable arms" of "Norm."

When she was unhappy, she was introduced to Capt. Clifford Bleyer, who won her love and upon whom she showered all the affection a woman can give.

Ruth got her formal decree of divorce from Norm and soon afterward saw Cliff off to war.

Ruth came to Washington in October, 1918, and got a position as a file clerk with the Red Cross at 2000 K street, remaining there until December 31. For a while she lived with Cliff, who posed as her husband, at 615 Florence street northeast, and for a short time they stayed at the New Commercial Hotel, on F street northwest.

As she grew in the belief that Cliff's love was waning and that he was through with her, Ruth longed for death.

In October, 1919, she first wrote in her diary of her grim plan to kill Cliff and herself. For five months she tried to summon up enough courage to stage the tragedy.

I feel awful today. Still a heavy heart.

(Ruth had evidently intended to kill him, but her nerve failed her.) This morning he took me on his lap and I cried my heart out to him. He suggested a trip to dad. I have answered an ad. for a bank.

SEES HER AFTER A WEEK.  
JANUARY 20.—Phoned Cliff at 5:40 last night; said he was coming home to dinner, but as I was down-town we dined at the College Inn.

JANUARY 21.—Cliff home from Milwaukee last night as I was writing the above. Grandmother left Paulette and Jacqueline \$1,000 each. Father in New York.

JANUARY 24.—Cliff in with flu in bed Thursday, Friday and today. Haven't seen him since Wednesday.

JANUARY 27.—Dined with Gill Saturday night and talked over Pat. Poor Bill is broken up. Did not even talk to Cliff over phone all Saturday and Sunday. He was downtown for a short time yesterday to attend to some business, but did not offer to see me or let me meet him. Stole! Par kips was here Sunday all night. She is in a bad jam.

JANUARY 28.—Wednesday a. m. Cliff just left. He caught the 4 p. m. train yesterday, but he broke his neck to get out early this morning, and after not seeing me for a whole week he read here in den all the time. Oh, what a life!

JANUARY 31.—Dined with Bill. Pat left for Detroit tonight. All through Cliff sick. He's being punished for being so cruel to me. I am unhappy, miserable.

CLIFF CALLS HER A SHEDEVIL.

FEBRUARY 8.—My Cliff just left. We met in Jack's at 5:05 yesterday; had not seen him for a week. Poor boy is so sick. And now I'm ill. But I'm not sick enough. I can just go alone, alone.

FEBRUARY 7.—Cliff brought Roger Tutthill home to dinner last night and Emil phoned and I asked him out. Cliff just like a child with its playthings. Changed his clothes. I laid out everything from slippers to B. V. D.'s I made. He was sweet and good last evening and I was happy.

FEBRUARY 10.—Went up to office Saturday at 5 and got Cliff after I had a swim.

As I went to Russian tearoom I saw Norm. It made me very shaky. Cliff and I went to Lucca's. Bill came and then Mary Baldwin, with whom I'd had tea earlier. Cliff left with the three of us. Went to the Lafayette. Mary stayed all night with me until 6 Sunday.

FEBRUARY 12.—Cliff dined with me. Craigie and Roger, I with Mary and Bill. Cliff came in Lucca's drunk and was most disagreeable when he reached home. Just left and is O. K. now.

FEBRUARY 13.—Cliff came home for dinner last night at 7. Left this a. m. at 9:40. Brought some beautiful red tulips and yellow flowers and perfume, a lovely bottle. Had a rather bad time last night. Called me a she-devil. But that is just making me feel sorry for my Cliff.

GRAVES LOVE OF CLIFF.

FEBRUARY 16.—Just talked to Cliff. Did not see him Saturday or Sunday and he told me to come to his office at 6 and get some money. Said nothing about being with me. I am crushed and broken. Mamma, Mary and Bill here yesterday afternoon.

Had tea and chop suey. Mary here all night.

Ab, Cliff, Cliff, why can't you love me? Why can't you be good to me or kill me outright?

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(Another installment of Ruth Randall's extremely interesting diary of her soul struggle will appear exclusively in The Washington Times tomorrow.)

HIGHER TARIFFS URGED.

Increased tariff on zinc, tungsten and pearl buttons is provided by bills favorably reported by the Senate Finance Committee. The zinc and tungsten bills aim to protect industries developed during the war from foreign competition. The increased imports of pearl buttons from Japan, said to be detrimental to the pearl button industry here, was the argument before the committee for the pearl button tariff.

## HITCHCOCK TO FIGHT BRYAN ON DRY ISSUE

Nebraska Senator Hopes to  
Keep Adversary Out of Con-  
vention With Beer Plank.

Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, has reiterated his position in favor of amending the Volstead prohibition enforcement act to permit the manufacture and sale of light wines and beer. On this issue the Senator is fighting William Jennings Bryan to prevent him from going to the San Francisco convention as a delegate at large from Nebraska.

The Senator intends to carry the fight to the convention and seek to have a plank favoring amendment of the law incorporated in the Democratic national platform.

Replying to an attack made upon him by Wayne Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, Senator Hitchcock issued a statement in which he said:

"The best comment I can make upon Mr. Wheeler's criticism is to reiterate my position, which, evidently, he does not fully understand."

"First—I stand for an enforcement of prohibition laws, including the appropriation of all needed money to enforce them."

"Second—I accept without reservation the constitutional decision of the people which abolishes the American saloon forever and with it strong intoxicating liquors."

"Third—I believe, however, a lawful way will be found and ought to be found to permit the manufacture and harmless use of light wines and beers. The Supreme Court has opened the way for this by holding that

Congress, in its enforcement laws, may decide what constitutes intoxicating liquor, and on this matter Congress will naturally respond to the will and judgment of the American people when properly expressed.

"Fourth—The American people cannot be denied the right to change their laws within constitutional limits, and the Volstead Act, like any other law, may be changed within those limits."

Since Senator Hitchcock issued his first statement a few days ago declaring in favor of amending the law, he has received a great many telegrams from various parts of the country endorsing his position.

Kayser H. Wheeler in a statement, said:

"It ought to defeat him not only as a candidate at the Democratic convention, but for leadership in the Senate. He has given many people to understand that he had changed his position on this question and would stand for an enforcement of the national prohibition code."

"To champion a beer and wine amendment is nothing short of an attack upon law enforcement."

"The candidates who advocate beer and wine amendments will be in opposition to the laws of most of the States and the experience in the States that the standard in the Volstead act is essential, if we are to have law enforcement."

I. T. U. CANDIDATE WILL  
ADDRESS LOCAL UNION

John McFarland, of New York, candidate for president of the International Typographical Union, arrived in Washington last night and will address the printers of this city at Typographical Temple this afternoon.

Headquarters were opened at the Ebbitt House and a large reception was held last evening. Mr. McFarland is making a tour of the country in the interest of his campaign and will remain in this city several days.

## COMMEND HEARST FOR TREATY STAND

Senators Say His Editorials  
Exposed Pitfalls of Ver-  
sailles Pact.

The part played by William Randolph Hearst and the Hearst newspapers in defeat of the treaty of Versailles was warmly commended today by the men who have taken part in the Senate debates. Those who have opposed ratification say the pitfalls of the treaty were exposed completely by the editorials in Mr. Hearst's publications. Here are some of their statements:

Senator Joseph Francis of Maryland:

"The heart of the world was not broken when the news was flashed over the wire and cables that the unjust and iniquitous peace treaty, the pet scheme of the reactionary gentlemen who met at Paris, had been defeated. In the contrary the heart of the world bounded with joy and the faces of the downtrodden and oppressed people became radiant again with a new hope, when this cruel treaty with its so-called League of Nations plan, nothing more nor less than a plan for a new armed coalition for the preservation of the tottering empires with their heartless system for colonial expansion and human exploitation was rejected by the Senate of the United States."

Hope Serpent Is Dead.

"We hope that the serpent is dead; but if it is not, and if it raises its ugly head again, we trust there will be enough Senators to once more smite it down, as a monstrous scheme out of harmony with all American

purposes and traditions. Americanism has been vindicated and preserved. All through the critical contest in which we have been engaged, the great Hearst papers have rendered valuable and indispensable services. They have told the truth; they have stood for enlightened patriotism. They have displayed both discernment and courage. Many of the people of the United States were at first misled by the misrepresentations of the advocates of the treaty; but the millions of their reads of the Hearst papers were fortunate because, from the beginning, they were supplied with the facts which enabled them to arrive at correct judgments. You cannot fool all the people who read the Hearst papers any of the time."

By Senator Thomas F. Gore of Oklahoma:

"The true Americanism which Mr. Hearst has displayed in his editorials is admirable. The Hearst papers have stood for Americanism with all of its instincts and traditions. The spirit of their editorials has aimed to kill the treaty. Let me add: Peace to the ashes of the peace treaty."

By Senator James A. Reed of Missouri:

"That portion of the press which, regardless of approval, criticism and influence, has fought for the American principles, is entitled to the eternal gratitude of the American people."

"In this great service the Hearst newspapers have been conspicuous, and their support was of inestimable value."

By Senator J. S. Frelinghuysen of New Jersey:

"The Hearst newspapers are to be congratulated again upon their great fight for 'America First' principles, and it has shown a courageous attitude in its insistence upon treaty reservations."

"I voted for the treaty with these protective reservations, but I feel that it was a mistake to reconsider this document after the Senate had rejected it on November 20, 1919, just

four months to the day before. "The Senate at this date voiced the disapproval, and the reconsideration of the treaty prevented an opportunity for this country to get on a peace basis with Germany, which might have been accomplished if the treaty debate had not monopolized the legislation. The Senate will never ratify the treaty unless it is safeguarded by reservations guaranteeing the protection of the national sovereignty."

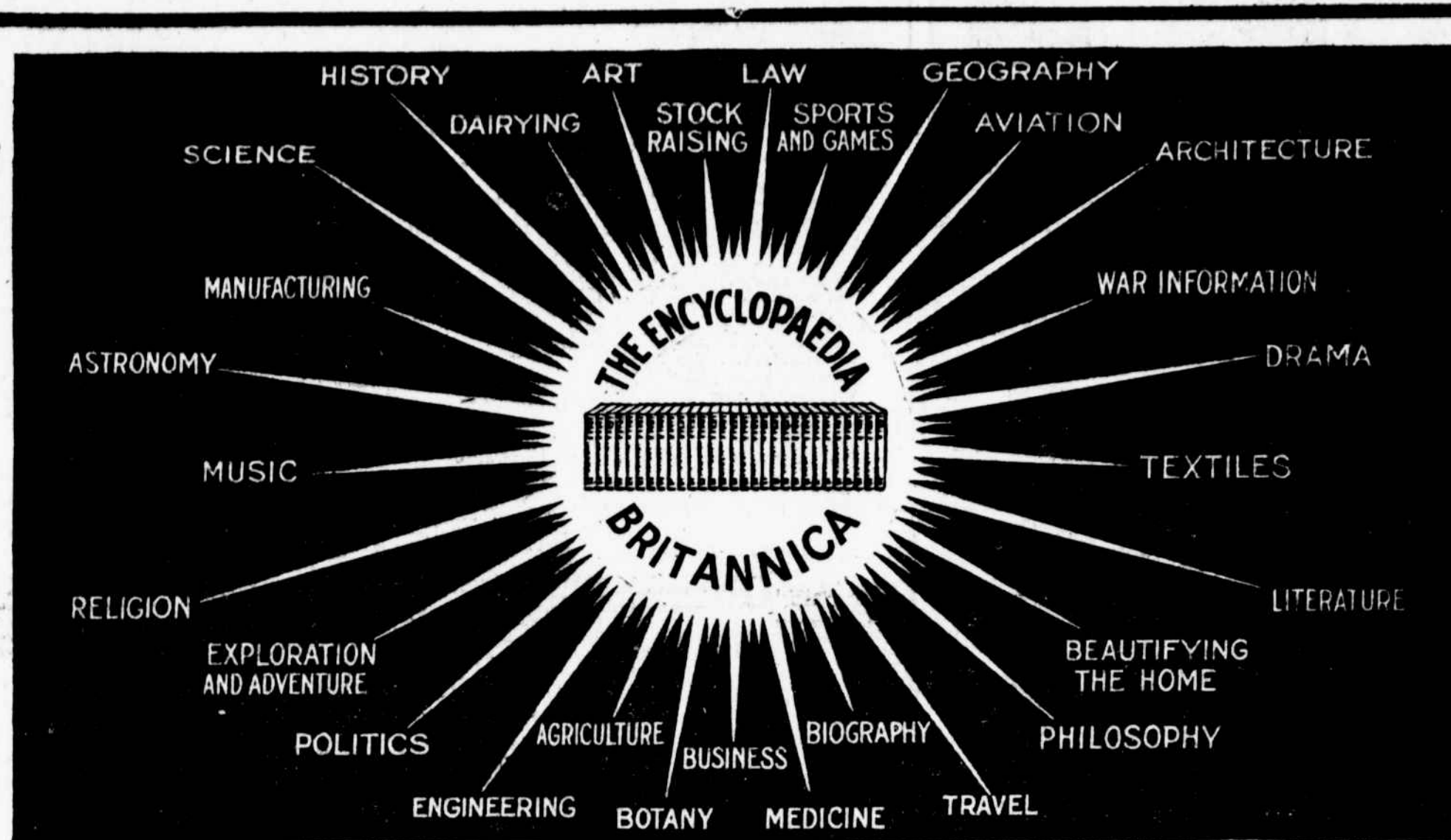
By Senator Grenna of South Dakota:

"The treaty is dead, and I am satisfied. I think we have saved the United States from the dangers and pitfalls of having to share in the responsibilities of all European quarrels which would ultimately lead us into war. We have succeeded in keeping inviolate the fundamental principles of the constitution of our land which does not authorize the Senate to bind future Congresses to do the things which they would not care to do and more than that, we have not violated our oath in attempts to change the constitution which can only be legally done by the people. We have followed the advice of the fathers who laid the foundation for the establishment of this Government and we have done nothing that will prevent us from continuing in the future as we have in the past to do justice and accord fair treatment to all people of all nations of the earth. The only important thing left to be done is for us to immediately declare peace."

"The Hearst newspapers have won out in their great campaign against this un-American measure which has been named a treaty of peace but which in fact is naked force and a pact for war."

FARM PRODUCTS DROP.

Wholesale prices of farm products and food articles showed a decrease of three and one-half per cent in February, as compared with the preceding month, the Department of Labor announced yesterday.



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the Solution of the Great  
Problems Left by the War

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The gravest questions that ever confronted a nation must now be met, and you will have to help settle these questions as a citizen of a democracy. For example: Shall we retain our high tariff or shall we operate on a free trade basis? Shall we wipe out our enormous national debt in one or two generations or shall we extend it

over a comparatively long period? Shall we adopt universal training or maintain a large standing army? Shall we place under permanent Federal control the railroads, telephone, telegraph and express companies or shall we keep them under private ownership? Shall this nation become more autocratic or tend toward Socialism? What will mean the greatest prosperity and happiness to the people?

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the World

Who are the men and women in each generation who have stood head and shoulders above their fellow men and who have won the most notable success? They are the men and women who, as children, have educated themselves beyond the station to which they were born. Abraham Lincoln was the best educated lawyer in his town, and he continued throughout his life probably the best posted man in his generation, because he read and read and read. You insist that your child has brains, but you should help that child develop its brains, and give him every advantage possible within your means, so that when he becomes ready to go out to do his work in the world, he is not handicapped by lack of education. Your son or daughter may be handicapped by lack of money, but no educated man or woman considers the lack of money a serious handicap. What he or she does fear, however, and rightly, is the lack of education. Education is the path that leads to achievement, to a larger life and to greater success. Put in your child's hands the Encyclopedia Britannica, the world's storehouse of knowledge, which has been the guide to the education of millions of men and women. It will inspire your child to learn, and it will furnish him with a great teacher on many thousands of subjects.

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